

Application No. 09/909,980
Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 2, 7, 8, 10, 20, 23, 25 and 31 is respectfully acknowledged.

Each of claims 2, 7, 8, 10, 23 and 25 has been amended so as to be rewritten in independent form to include all of the subject matter of its respective parent claim and any intervening claim. In addition, claim 20 has been amended to depend from amended independent claim 10.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claims 2, 7, 8, 10, 20, 23 and 25 be approved and entered.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that amended independent claims 2, 7, 8, 10, 23 and 25, as well as claim 20 depending from claim 10 and claim 31 depending from claim 25, are now all in condition for immediate allowance.

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CLAIM FEE

The application now contains 8 claims, of which 6 are independent. Accordingly, a claim fee in the amount of \$264.00 for the addition of 3 extra independent claims is attached. In addition, authorization is given to charge any additional fees which may be determined to be required to Account No. 06-1378.

RE: Attorney Docket No.

It is respectfully requested that the USPTO correct the Attorney Docket Number associated with this application to 03214/LH.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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